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Guilty Verdicts on All Counts After Illegal Drug and Gun Possession Trial



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that VASILIOS KALABAKAS, 38, of New York, NY, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, a Class A-1 Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, a Class A- II Felony, (3) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, each

Class B Felonies, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, a Violation, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday afternoon.

After hearing testimony, reviewing the presented evidence, and deliberating after trial, the jury found that on March 15, 2018, at approximately 10:27 PM, while on Interstate 87 North in the City of Albany, KALABAKAS was the passenger of a vehicle involved in a traffic stop initiated by the New York State Police. Further investigation found KALABAKAS to be knowingly and unlawfully in illegal possession of several controlled substances and a weapon. Specifically, a search of the car revealed a hidden trap behind the glove box containing approximately 192 grams of cocaine (both crack and powdered form), approximately 61 grams of heroin, a loaded .40 caliber Smith and Wesson, semi-automatic pistol, pills and marijuana.

KALABAKAS faces up to 20 years in State Prison for all drug possession charges and up to 15 years for being in illegal possession of a weapon, when sentenced on February 6, 2019.

Street Crimes Bureau Chief Jessica Blain-Lewis is handling the prosecution of this case.

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Hidden Trap behind the Glove Box



Illegal Drugs and Weapon Discovered Inside

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